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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, APRIL 24

1. NYT (PAGE 1) GWERTZMAN ARTICLE HEADLINED "PENTAGON CHIEF ASSURES ISRAEL OF SECURITY AID" NOTES THAT NSSM AIMED AT DEVELOPING NEW AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY FOR COPING WITH MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IS TO BE CONCLUDED BY END OF APRIL OR EARLY MAY.

2. SUN (PAGE 10) AP ARTICLE HEADLINED "GROMYKO SAYS SOVIET WOULD GUARANTEE ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE" CITES GROMYKO STATEMENT AT KREMLIN DINNER FOR SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD AGREE TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT PROVIDING ISRAEL WITH THE "STRICTEST" GUARANTEES OF ITS RIGHT TO INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE; SETTLEMENT MUST PROVIDE FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORY. STATEMENT ON GUARANTEES APPEARS STRONGER THAN PREVIOUS ONES. (ALSO NYT BY WREN AND BRIEFER ITEM IN WSJ.)

3. WP (PAGE 15) COLUMN BY VICTOR ZORZA HEADLINED "THE SOVIET SUCCESSION STRUGGLE" STATES THAT SHELEPIN OUSTED

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IN CONNECTION WITH SUCCESSION STRUGGLE WHICH WILL INCREASE

AS PARTY CONGRESS APPROACHES AND WILL INVOLVE DEBATE
OVER DETENTE.

4. WP (PAGE 15) COLUMN BY EVANS AND NOVAK SAYS SOME
OFFICIALS THINK VIETNAM SHOWS DETENTE HAS NOT BROUGHT
WORLD STABILITY, BUT PRESIDENT COMMITTED TO IT AND
CONSIDERED KISSINGER WARNING TO MOSCOW AND PEKING AS A
TACTIC; REPUBLICANS INCREASINGLY DISSATISFIED WITH
DETENTE.

5. NYT (PAGE 7) HEADLINE "WIFE OF SOVIET JEW SAYS
APPEAL TO SAVE HIS LIFE REJECTED," BY JAMES F. CLARITY,
DATELINE MOSCOW. STATES THAT WIFE OF MIKHAIL Y.
LEVIEV, SOVIET JEW CONDEMNED TO DEATH FOR ECONOMIC
CRIMES, SAID THAT SUPREME COURT HAD REJECTED THE FINAL
APPEAL OF THE SENTENCE. NON-JEWISH SOVIETS INVOLVED
IN ILLEGAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH HUSBAND NOT GIVEN
DEATH SENTENCES. CLEMENCY STILL A POSSIBILITY. KISSINGER

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